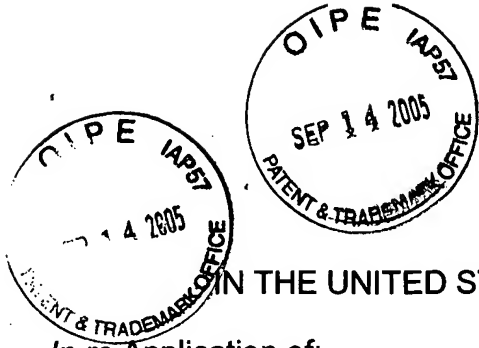


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed August 18, 2005, which set a one-month period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before September 19, 2005, because September 18, 2005 is a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.